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IN UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS--Florida heads the list of states attracting the greatest percentage of new residents versus people moving away during 1983, according to a migration pattern study conducted by United Van Lines, one of the world's largest movers of household goods. Of total movements handled by the van line to and from the state of Florida, 59.8 percent were inbound.

The study, based on more than 150,000 household goods shipments the van line serviced in the 50 states during 1983, revealed once again that the District of Columbia had the highest in-migration percentage due to governmental changes and military transfers. The District has consistently led United's list of high inbound areas since the study was begun seven years ago. Of total shipments handled in the District, 67.5 percent were inbound.

Total inbound and outbound shipments handled by United were compared state by state in the study. If 55 percent or more of relocation activity was inbound, the state was considered to have high inbound migration.

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United's migration pattern study shows that states in the Southwest and Southeast are continuing to gain more inbound than outbound shipments. Besides the District of Columbia and Florida, states considered to have high in-migration status include New Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Oklahoma, Virginia, Arizona and Texas.

"As in recent years, most of the movement seems to be to the sun belt states," President Robert J. Baer said. "The mild climate there continues to be a major attraction for both corporations and individuals."

States with highest out-migration were Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming. A state is considered to have high out-migration if 44.9 percent or less of total activity is inbound. Only 32.4 percent of shipments handled in Wisconsin were inbound; West Virginia, 35.1 percent; Wyoming, 38.7 percent. Other states with high out-migration were Ohio, Michigan, South Dakota, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Indiana, North Dakota, New York and Kansas.

The year's study reveals an upswing in the nation's economy as more people chose to relocate. "We handled 150,000 household goods shipments in 1983, while our 1982 study was based on only 125,000 shipments," Baer said.

Twenty-nine states experienced an approximate balance between outbound and inbound movement, the United study revealed. This means that between 45 percent and 54.9 percent of the activity was inbound.

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Five states accounted for 38 percent of all household goods shipments handled by United. These states were California (37,935 shipments), Texas (31,300 shipments), Florida (20,340 shipments), Illinois (13,525 shipments), and New York (12,422 shipments).

Vermont, Utah and Nevada, which were listed among the high in-migration states in 1982, did not maintain that status in 1983. High inbound activity in Hawaii, however, elevated it to high in-migration status.

Iowa, New Jersey, Alabama and Kentucky which showed high out-migration in the 1982 study appeared balanced in 1983. Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Kansas were new high out-migration states in 1983 compared to the 1982 study.

United Van Lines is one of the world's largest movers of household goods and has more than 1,100 agents in 150 countries around the globe. The van line specializes in the transportation of electronic equipment, trade show exhibits, art, displays, plant equipment and office furnishings, and also serves as a carrier for special commodities and newly manufactured products. United's world headquarters is in suburban St. Louis.

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(BASED ON OVER 150,000 SHIPMENTS)

	TOTAL SHIPMENTS	OUTBOUND SHIPMENTS	INBOUND SHIPMENTS	% INBOUND SHIPMENTS
Alabama	4,135	2,145	1,990	48.1
Alaska	399	164	235	58.9
Arizona	7,826	3,399	4,427	56.6
Arkansas	1,783	847	936	52.5
California	37,935	18,070	19,865	52.4
Colorado	9,885	4,983	4,902	49.6
Connecticut	4,525	2,325	2,200	48.6
Delaware	859	458	401	46.7
D.C.	1,085	353	732	67.5
Florida	20,340	8,180	12,160	59.8
Georgia	9,451	4,302	5,149	54.5
Hawaii	583	239	344	59.0
Idaho	1,410	650	760	53.9
Illinois	13,525	7,917	5,608	41.5
Indiana	4,117	2,352	1,765	42.9
Iowa	2,144	1,152	992	46.3
Kansas	4,674	2,590	2,084	44.6
Kentucky	3,171	1,671	1,500	47.3
Louisiana	4,550	2,200	2,350	51.6
Maine	1,436	675	761	53.0
Maryland	5,030	2,374	2,656	52.8
Massachusetts	6,542	3,387	3,155	48.2
Michigan	9,097	5,409	3,688	40.5
Minnesota	5,073	2,955	2,118	41.8
Mississippi	2,154	1,134	1,020	47.4
Missouri	6,669	3,411	3,258	48.9
Montana	1,199	601	598	49.9
Nebraska	1,769	815	954	53.9
Nevada	2,309	1,082	1,227	53.1
New Hampshire	1,540	825	715	46.4
New Jersey	9,581	5,245	4,336	45.3
New Mexico	2,729	1,114	1,615	59.2
New York	12,422	7,019	5,403	43.5
North Carolina	8,212	4,347	3,865	47.1
North Dakota	1,065	606	459	43.1
Ohio	11,568	6,918	4,650	40.2
Oklahoma	3,480	1,460	2,020	58.0
Oregon	3,303	1,544	1,759	53.3
Pennsylvania	9,073	5,249	3,824	42.1
Rhode Island	799	437	362	45.3
South Carolina	3,531	1,613	1,918	54.3
South Dakota	723	426	297	41.1
Tennessee	5,003	2,394	2,609	52.1
Texas	31,300	13,768	17,532	56.0
Utah	2,440	1,178	1,262	51.7
Vermont	760	359	401	52.8
Virginia	8,722	3,685	5,037	57.8
Washington	6,769	3,082	3,687	54.5
West Virginia	1,252	813	439	35.1
Wisconsin	4,671	3,157	1,514	32.4
Wyoming	1,252	768	484	38.7
	303,870	151,847	152,023	

UNITED STATES MIGRATION PATTERNS IN 1983
ACCORDING TO SHIPMENTS HANDLED BY UNITED VAN LINES

(Based in over 150,000 household goods shipments)